



- What is the National Register?
- What does it do?
- What does it not do?
- What is the listing process?
- What happens after that?

National Historic Preservation Act



October 15, 1966

What is in the National Register?



“...the official list of the Nation’s historic places worthy of preservation...”

The National Register in South Carolina

- Over 1,400 individual listings
- Over 170 historic districts
- 12-15,000 cultural resources listed [commercial and public buildings, homes, schools, churches, farmsteads, bridges, cemeteries, designed or rural landscapes]



Pompion Hill Chapel, Berkeley County



Poinsett Hotel, Greenville



**Robert P. Mayes House, Mayesville Historic District
Sumter County**



**Gervais Street Bridge,
Columbia**



Tobacco Barn, Pee Dee region



Cannon Building, Fountain Inn



**Harriet M. Cornwell Tourist Home,
Columbia**



Archaeology at Fort Motte Site, Calhoun County

National Register Eligibility

- 50 years old
- Local, State, or National Significance
- Significance usually embodied in its architecture and/or association with important people or events in history
- Physical integrity (minimal alterations)

First Baptist Church, Columbia

Secession Convention
began here in 1860
before moving to
Charleston

National Significance



Oconee State Park Historic District

Development of the State Park System and
New Deal era work programs.

State Significance



Senn's Grist Mill, Blacksmith Shop, and
Orange Crush Bottling Plant
Summerton, Clarendon County

Local Significance



What does it mean to be Listed?

- National Recognition
- Documentation of Significance
- Encourages preservation
- Eligibility for financial incentives
- Requires consultation with SHPO when Federal undertakings will have an "effect" on a listed property

What is the Listing Process?

- SHPO provides opinion on eligibility - Preliminary Information Form (PIF)
- Prepare and submit nomination for eligible property
- Must be approved by State Board of Review (Meets March, July, November)
- Final approval by National Park Service in Washington
- Entire process can take up to a year

What is a Nomination?

- Completed Nomination Form
- Photographs
- Maps



Who prepares a Nomination?

- Can be prepared by owner of property or other interested person
- Can be prepared by a professional consultant



How does Listing preserve a property?

- Listing, by itself, does not preserve a historic property.
- Owners preserve historic properties.
- The National Register provides incentives to preserve and maintain properties.

What does Listing not do?

- Does not prevent demolition
- Places no requirements or restrictions on property owners



Oakhurst, Newberry
Built 1893-95



Site of Oakhurst
Demolished and Replaced by
Eckerd Pharmacy, 2002



Buffalo Mill,
Union County

Summer
2006



Buffalo Mill,
Union County

Winter 2007



Immanuel School,
Aiken
(ca. 1890)



Immanuel School,
Aiken
(1990s)



Immanuel School,
Aiken
(2008)



**National Register
Listing Does Not
Regulate Paint
Color**



*South Carolina's
National Register
plaque for listed
properties*

In Summary, National Register is :

- Documentation, recognition and designation
- Requisite for financial incentives
- Limited protection